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In re application of:

Petrie et al.

Application No.: 09/693,213

Filed: October 19, 2000

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Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 1623

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 (a)
INVENTOR CAN NOT BE REACHED

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Sir:

In regards to the above-referenced application, Applicants have attempted to contact inventor Gerald Hurst at his last known address and have diligently tried to obtain the whereabouts of Gerald D. Hurst. Mr. Hurst's last known address is 39 Painted Sunset, The Woodlands, Texas 77380. Applicants respectfully request and petition that the above-referenced application may be made on behalf of the other inventors and the nonsigning inventor.

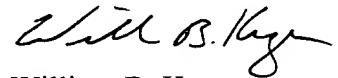
As required, enclosed are copies of the Declarations as filed on October 19, 2000.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), please charge the fee of \$130.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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